

## Message Text

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R 140640Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2007  
INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA  
COMIDEASTFOR  
CINCUSNAVEUR  
CNO WASHDC  
COMSEVENTHFLT  
USS LASALLE  
CINCPACFLT  
COMNAVINTCOM  
CHINFO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 12296

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OCLR, ET  
SUBJ: USS LASALLE PORT CALLS--ASSAB AND MASSAWA

REF: A. ASMARA 1014 (NOTAL), B. ADMIN COMIDEASTFOR MSG 260638Z  
NOV 76, C. ADMIN COMIDEASTFOR MSG 260637Z NOV 76

1. EMBASSY FIRMLY BELIEVES US SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE USE OF  
ETHIOPIAN PORTS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING US-ETHIOPIAN MILITARY  
AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY HAS MISGIVINGS, HOWEVER, ABOUT PRESENT  
SCHEDULE OF USS LASALLE CALLING FOR VISIT MASSAWA MARCH 27-29  
WITH LARGE LIBERTY PARTY.

2. IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS WHICH WILL BE  
REQUIRED FOR PORT CALL, MASSAWA, IT WILL BE ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE  
TO KEEP KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT FROM ERITREAN INSURGENTS, EPMG GOES  
CONTROL PORT, BUT POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENT WITH INSURGENTS  
WHO INFILTRATE CITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT, PARTICULARLY IN  
VIEW OF PAST INSURGENT THREATS TO THAT EFFECT IF USN CON-  
TINUES TO CALL AT MASSAWA.

3. EMBASSY WOULD, THEREFORE, STRONGLY PREFER THAT MASSAWA NOT BE  
SCHEDULED AS LIBERTY PORT. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE NO OBJECT-  
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ION TO VISITS FOR REFUELING, PROVISIONING, MAINTENANCE, OR

COURTESY CALLS. COMIDEASTFOR MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REVISING  
SCHEDULE FOR LASALLE ACCORDINGLY AND CONSIDER ASSAB OR OTHER  
PORT AS PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR LIBERTY.

4. EMBASSY WILL BEGIN PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR LASALLE VISITS  
MASSAWA AND ASSAB UPON RECEIPT DEPT AND COMIDEASTFOR'S  
VIEWS.  
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